

House Resolution 204

By: Representatives Moore of the 95th, Kennard of the 102nd, and Clark of the 108th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 13, 2019, as Public Library Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes

3 WHEREAS, there are 407 public libraries that serve every county in the State of Georgia;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, there were more than 28 million in-person visits and more than 41 million
6 online visits in 2018 to Georgia public libraries; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2018, there were 35.1 million books, media, and materials checked out of
8 public libraries, with an average of 96,000 materials checked out every day; and

9 WHEREAS, 1.9 million children attended public reading times in libraries across the state
10 in 2018; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia's public libraries partner with Zoo Atlanta, the Atlanta Braves, the
12 Atlanta Hawks, Georgia State Parks, the Michael C. Carlos Museum, and the Center for
13 Puppetry Arts to provide free programming and fun to Georgia citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, the B4 Early Literacy Initiative encourages children to read 1,000 books before
15 kindergarten and has had tremendous success and participation throughout all of Georgia and
16 further encourages families to engage with their children's early learning.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize February 13, 2019, as Public Library Day at the state
19 capitol and support and encourage all Georgians to utilize this state's public library resources.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
22 public and the press.